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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decline in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $1,805.9 million in April to $1,775.6 million in May, a decrease of about two percent, was due mainly to declines in exports of finished manufactures, manufactured foodstuffs, and crude foodstuffs. Exports of semimanufactures and crude materials rose slightly during the period. May exports of domestic merchandise were about 16 percent higher than the May 1959 total of $1,533.9 million. M.S.P. (military) shipments are included in these totals.

Excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments, exports of domestic merchandise during May amounted to $1,681.6 million, a level slightly below the $1,691.2 million reported in April, but about 20 percent above the May 1959 total of $1,402.5 million.

Exports of finished manufactures declined from $1,066.6 million in April to $1,051.9 million in May due mainly to a drop in exports of ammunition, components and parts, from $36.0 to $10.1 million and to smaller decreases in exports of passenger cars, from $21.5 to $17.3 million and construction, excavating, mining, and related machinery, from $68.8 to $65.4 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs dropped from $93.0 to $81.0 million as small, scattered decreases were reported in exports of most of the individual items included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were: wheat flour, from $11.7 to $8.0 million; meat and meat products, from $10.9 to $9.2 million; and milled rice, from $12.2 to $10.7 million. Lower levels of exports of wheat, from $91.1 to $81.6 million and corn, from $23.2 to $20.3 million accounted for most of the decline in exports of crude foodstuffs from $152.0 to $141.4 million.

During the period, exports of semimanufactures advanced from $304.4 to $310.0 million owing chiefly to increases in exports of copper semimanufactures, from $23.6 to $36.7 million and iron and steel plates, sheets, and strips, from $21.8 to $32.9 million. These increases were partly offset, however, by decreases in exports of coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products, from $17.5 to $11.9 million; aluminum semimanufactures, from $15.9 to $10.8 million, and synthetic rubber, from $21.8 to $18.1 million. Exports of crude materials advanced slightly from $189.9 to $191.3 million as increases in exports of oilseeds, from $19.4 to $33.2 million and unmanufactured tobacco, from $9.5 to $17.7 million were offset by a noticeable decrease in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from $87.3 to $69.6 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at $100-$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity		May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average	
					1959	1958
Total	value	[1]1,775.6	[2]1,805.9	[3]1,533.9	[4]1,448.6	[5]1,477.3
Crude materials	value	191.3	189.9	141.0	159.5	178.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	6.0	5.0	7.2	5.2	4.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb	151,210	171,813	105,801	120,904	92,427
	value	10.0	11.2	8.6	9.3	8.0
Oilseeds	value	33.2	19.4	22.5	26.4	18.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb	23,437	14,360	24,951	38,801	40,191
	value	17.7	9.5	18.9	28.9	29.5
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	543	694	270	333	398
	value	69.6	87.3	31.1	37.7	55.1
Coal	1,000 s.tons	3,515	3,474	3,460	3,251	4,381
	value	32.1	32.8	33.2	31.5	43.8
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl	127	270	267	210	362
	value	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.2
All other crude materials	value	22.5	23.8	18.8	20.0	17.9
Crude foodstuffs	value	141.4	152.0	131.2	120.3	106.6
Corn	1,000 bu	15,245	17,750	21,385	18,250	14,986
	value	20.3	23.2	28.5	23.8	19.7
Wheat	1,000 bu	47,190	54,865	36,826	29,712	27,520
	value	81.6	91.1	63.7	51.0	47.5
Other grains	value	14.5	18.0	15.0	23.1	19.9
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb	206,593	154,889	205,036	141,027	118,444
	value	10.5	7.1	10.7	7.9	6.1
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb	116,930	103,900	130,348	125,300	110,949
	value	8.5	7.1	9.3	9.0	8.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs	value	5.8	5.3	4.0	5.2	4.3
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	81.0	93.0	90.6	89.7	91.8
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb	29,700	37,526	27,721	29,244	19,702
	value	9.2	10.9	8.7	8.8	6.9
Lard	1,000 lb	49,825	56,154	45,163	50,347	32,404
	value	4.7	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.4
Dairy products	1,000 lb	21,178	27,469	66,401	40,548	40,495
	value	5.6	7.1	8.5	7.9	8.4
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb	1,796	3,518	5,235	5,670	3,437
	value	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.9	1.3
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb	174	168	137	125	103
	value	10.7	12.2	8.5	8.3	8.0
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt	2,154	3,225	2,948	2,236	2,259
	value	8.0	11.7	11.0	8.5	9.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.6
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb	6,575	10,154	4,305	11,654	16,305
	value	1.3	2.1	1.2	2.7	3.4
Canned fruits	1,000 lb	24,447	26,871	19,195	29,003	30,514
	value	3.7	4.2	3.4	4.4	4.7
Fruit juices	1,000 gal	3,273	3,843	3,577	2,676	3,024
	value	3.9	4.7	4.8	3.6	3.9
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb	43,003	47,424	75,513	57,600	66,807
	value	5.7	6.0	10.8	8.6	10.6
Sugar and related products	value	1.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	8.9	9.3	10.5	9.0	12.6
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	14.1	13.7	12.5	15.7	12.3
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	310.0	304.4	213.6	205.2	189.8
Leather	value	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.1
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb	69,696	82,919	62,587	54,784	36,716
	value	18.1	21.8	15.6	14.2	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity		May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued						
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value	4.7	5.3	3.2	3.7	3.0
Vegetable oils and fats, crude	1,000 lb	116,678	113,439	108,806	72,440	28,801
	value	11.0	10.6	11.7	8.0	3.5
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb	31,371	32,875	26,935	29,090	24,573
	value	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.2	3.8
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb	11,908	12,744	15,106	12,244	9,392
	value	1.9	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb	16,087	19,705	11,804	12,014	9,105
	value	12.0	14.7	8.8	9.2	7.1
Sawmill products	1,000 bd.ft	83,843	89,174	59,320	65,606	60,626
	value	10.6	10.7	7.2	7.5	6.5
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons	102	86	37	54	43
	value	13.9	12.1	5.7	7.9	6.5
Fuel oil, distillate and residual	1,000 bbl	2,635	2,441	2,697	2,833	3,325
	value	7.8	6.7	7.0	7.7	9.8
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons	160	175	144	134	131
	value	3.9	4.3	3.6	3.3	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished	value	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.3
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb	12,416	15,829	13,043	11,182	20,516
	value	1.5	2.0	1.4	1.2	2.0
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb	330,909	188,855	99,615	83,486	157,053
	value	32.9	21.8	11.9	9.9	15.0
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb	127,876	14,390	104,764	76,642	82,386
	value	10.8	9.9	8.8	6.1	6.5
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value	20.8	20.6	16.1	15.7	10.3
Aluminum semimanufactures	value	10.8	15.9	4.3	6.4	3.6
Copper semimanufactures	value	36.7	23.6	9.1	8.4	16.9
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value	11.9	17.5	7.5	8.7	8.4
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb	69,823	71,836	62,366	57,839	46,971
	value	24.0	26.1	23.2	21.5	17.4
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	25.9	27.8	23.6	21.2	17.9
Pigments	1,000 lb	51,835	69,432	54,848	55,824	52,048
	value	5.4	7.1	5.6	5.6	5.1
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials	1,000 lb	94,457	54,153	79,483	112,061	105,897
	value	2.4	2.0	2.6	3.0	2.9
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]	value	[7]34.5	[7]33.9	[7]26.9	[7]27.3	[7]25.3
Finished manufactures	value	1,051.9	1,066.6	957.5	873.9	910.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands	143	159	96	92	102
	value	4.3	4.5	5.1	3.8	4.7
Other rubber manufactures	value	9.9	9.7	7.7	8.1	7.8
Cigarettes	millions	1,813	1,434	1,621	1,631	1,506
	value	7.8	6.2	7.0	7.0	6.4
Other tobacco manufactures	value	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq.yd	[8]36,500	[8]35,339	[8]39,695	[8]39,357	[8]41,744
	value	[8]10.5	[8]11.5	[8]11.3	[8]10.7	[8]11.3
Other cotton manufactures	value	8.7	9.6	8.7	7.9	8.1
Wool manufactures	value	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value	13.6	15.2	13.1	12.9	12.4
Other textile manufactures	value	5.4	6.0	5.6	5.4	4.8
Wood manufactures, advanced	value	2.5	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.6
Paper and manufactures	value	21.5	22.8	19.3	19.5	18.3
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value	8.0	9.1	10.0	8.1	11.0
Lubricating oil	value	16.4	19.3	16.5	15.2	15.5
Glass and products	value	6.6	6.8	7.5	7.0	6.6
Steel mill manufactures	value	14.9	14.7	14.3	11.3	19.9
Metal manufactures, n.e.c	value	35.1	37.8	38.4	37.1	40.0
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number	28,033	38,696	34,231	28,871	32,383
	value	4.6	5.8	5.4	4.5	4.9
Radio and television apparatus	value	23.3	22.6	21.8	21.0	23.3
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value	61.8	59.4	61.4	54.0	56.8
Power generating machinery, n.e.c	value	17.8	23.1	19.9	20.6	19.2
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery	value	65.4	68.8	62.7	57.5	58.1
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	18.3	17.2	18.7	12.8	14.5
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value	14.8	12.0	13.7	13.2	13.8
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value	11.1	11.9	9.0	9.0	7.9
Other industrial machinery and parts	value	84.2	88.7	78.1	70.8	75.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	15.7	16.4	11.4	12.1	11.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	16.2	18.1	15.8	12.0	10.3
Tractors.....number..	7,094	9,479	7,919	5,313	4,183
value..	22.4	23.7	22.2	17.7	15.8
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	13.2	13.3	13.0	11.9	10.1
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	21,325	17,565	15,187	13,495	12,322
value..	38.6	34.9	31.5	26.7	24.7
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	9,076	10,875	9,675	8,699	10,203
value..	17.3	21.5	19.5	18.3	21.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	52.2	51.8	50.6	44.4	39.3
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	8.6	8.2	[9]11.0	9.6	[9]18.1
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	166.3	133.5	73.4	64.1	81.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	5	23	18	11	11
value..	0.4	1.4	1.3	7.5	6.3
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	12.0	13.2	6.7	8.6	17.4
Antibiotics.....value..	7.2	6.3	6.5	5.7	5.5
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	17.7	17.6	18.8	17.9	17.7
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.8
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	3.7	5.5	2.1	2.4	6.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	10.1	36.0	42.8	16.7	15.6
Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	40.5	34.2	39.0	46.8	42.2
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	140.1	141.9	[9]131.4	127.7	[9]121.0

[1]Includes $94.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($25.8 million to Western Europe). [2]Includes $114.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($51.2 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $140.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($94.5 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($54.9 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($58.6 million to Western Europe). [6]See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. [7]For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. [8]Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. [9]Figures are revised to correct erroneous inclusion of data for Schedule B commodity number 79080 (Commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new) in the totals for "All other finished manufactures" rather than "Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new" in the issues of Report No. FT 930-E for periods prior to January 1960.

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